

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, the state of Washington has a long history of leadership in protecting and promoting equal opportunity for people who have disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the 932,000 people with disabilities living in Washington include more than 200,000 individuals without jobs, who have the desire and ability to contribute to their communities and state; and

WHEREAS, in the 21st century, as an emerging global economy, we cannot morally or financially afford to lose the contributions that people with disabilities bring to the workplace; and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress by Joint Resolution has designated October as National Disability Employment Awareness Month;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Christine O. Gregoire, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim October 2008 as

National Disability Employment Awareness Month

in Washington State, and I urge all citizens to join me in reaffirming our determination to fulfill both the letter and the spirit of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Signed this 1st day of October, 2008

Chris Gregoire

Governor Christine O. Gregoire

